

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

May 25, 2004

Immediately Upon Conclusion of Finance Committee

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O’Neil,
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault, Forest

Absent: Alderman Gatsas

Mayor Baines addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Report(s) of the Committee on Finance, if available.

A report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that the Public Works Director be authorized to execute a contract with Trecan Combustion Limited Inc. in the amount of \$348,500 for a snow melter, subject to the review and approval of the City Solicitor. The Committee notes that funding for such equipment is presently recommended in the 2005 CIP budget, and to meet delivery deadlines it is required that the snow melter be ordered at this time.

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to accept the report.

Alderman Guinta asked where does the snow go. That’s all I want to know.

Frank Thomas, Director of Public Works, answered the snow is going to melt in the melter and go down the catch basins to the treatment plan.

A second report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that
Resolution:

“A Resolution authorizing increased property tax credits for Veterans with
service-connected total disability, and their surviving spouse.”

ought to pass and be adopted.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to accept this report.

A third report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that:

“A Resolution authorizing increased optional property tax credits for Veterans.”

ought to pass as amended to reflect a credit of \$150.00. The Committee notes that it has requested the City Clerk to review and submit alternate language providing for escalation of such credits over a three year cycle.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated we have provided that draft to the Board and if the Board wants to adopt the alternate, there would be a motion to amend the committee report.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to amend the committee report by amending the resolution to reflect language providing for a three year escalation as submitted by the Deputy City Clerk.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to accept the report as amended.

A fourth report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that Resolution:

“Approving the Community Improvement Program for 2005, Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefore, and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program.”

ought to pass and lay over as amended.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to accept the report.

Alderman Shea asked are we going to take up the deferments that we had last night for the elderly and things like that?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson answered the proposal 1, which was the \$27,000 and the \$38,000 number, that was actually accepted last night at the special meeting following the Finance Committee meeting.

Alderman Shea asked so we don't have to do that?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied that will all come back again on June 1st as part of the regular agenda of the Board for final adoption.

Alderman Thibault stated Your Honor, if I may have the attention of the Board for a few minutes. I'd just like to bring something up that was omitted in the Office of Youth Services

budget and having worked with teenagers all of my life, through my whole life I've worked with teenagers in different capacities. I would just like to have this Board recognize what the Office of Youth Services does for this city, because always remember one thing, what we don't pay for today, we're going to pay tomorrow. The Office of Youth Services and when I first started being active in community affairs, that's where I started and you will hold a special allegiance to that as well. But I also know what happens when we don't take care of our teenagers. I would just like to have this Board before we make any decisions or before we even talk about it, to hold that into their minds, that when we don't take care of our kids today, we'll take care of them tomorrow, even if it's in jail.

Mayor Baines stated if you're talking about the oversight in the budget, we plan to take care of that through the full adoption of the budget. So don't worry about that.

Mayor Baines advised that this being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Porter, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk